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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculating the number of claims, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-8 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims:

9. (New) A solid composition comprising a colorant, a gelation agent, a resin component, and one of the following solvents: (i) a solvent having a solubility parameter value, Y, of no more than 8.5; or (ii) a solvent composed of at least two types of solvents, each solvent having (a) an HLB value, X, of no more than 6.5; or (b) an X and a Y wherein $Y \leq 18 - X$ when $6.5 < X$, $0 < Y$.

10. (New) A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein the solvent comprises at least a glycol ether.

11. (New) A solid composition according to Claim 9 wherein the solvent comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene